



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nicolas AMOUROUX et al.

Examiner: Christopher M. Keehan

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Title: METAL SURFACES COATED WITH FLUORINATED POLYMERS

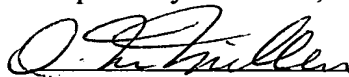
COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

For the record, claim 1 of the present application does not require a blend of an epoxy with a fluoropolymer. Consequently, the statements in the "Reason" page 3, lines 11 and 14 that the French document corresponding to 09/575,368, does not disclose such blends are not pertinent. The blend referred to in Applicants' binder is that of a fluoropolymer modified by partial dehydrofluorination followed by oxidation, and a fluoropolymer not so modified.

Respectfully submitted,


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